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Congress adjourned last night and, in the absence of some major piece of business, is not expected to reconvene before January.

Staff meeting this morning.

Afterwards Ben Brown told me of various matters in which this Department is involved connected with the activities of Congressional Committees appointed to investigate during the summer.

Had lunch at 1925 F Street with E., and afterwards went to the dentist.

Ned Russell of the New York Herald-Tribune and Edward Bomar of the AP came to see me.

I had a multitude of telephone conversations with Defense regarding their press conference this afternoon, when it is to be announced that General Ridgway will also become Commander-in-Chief of American forces in Europe with the exception of those ~~in~~ Trieste, Berlin and Austria. We were concerned over the reaction abroad, unless it is made quite clear that this designation would not affect General Ridgway's duties as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO.

Mr. Rountree explained to me the complicated Greek currency situation, which we now have under study, and which will require immediate action on our part.

Ted Tannenwald read me the recommendation to the President for a statement accompanying his signature of the MSA bill.

Phil Perlman resigned today. There is considerable speculation as to whether this is not on account of differences of opinion with the new

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Attorney General McGranery. However, I know that he has had this in mind for a long time.

We went out to dinner tonight with Herbert Elliston and saw and heard Hoover's speech on television. He had a tremendous ovation.

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